Prussian legislature passed an ap propriation of \$79,500,000, asked for by the government, to build canals.

People who go barefooted and those who wear sandals instead of shoes, is said, rarely have colds in the head or any form of influenza.

A recent mechanical wonder is telegraphic instrument which sends 1,000 words a minute over lines 1,000 miles in length. A human operator can transwit 50 words a minute.

The British commercial agent in Russia reports that the laying of a second track on the Transbalkal line of the Siberian railroad will require over 49,000 tons of stee! rails, costing about \$1,750,000.

A clergyman returned from Manila lectured in San Francisco the other day. He said that in a municipal parade in Manila among the processionists was a company of city ratcatchers, who marched trap in hand,

A vein of silver has been discovered on lands north of Massey and the Bruce mines, near North Bay, On-Four carloads of the ore, shipped to a smelting plant in New Jersey, netted \$60,000, and two more it is expected will average \$15,000 per

The French government's statement of last year's receipts from the to bacco monopoly shows a clear profit of 355,000 francs. A curious feature of the statistics is that the largest sum is derived from the sale of two cent cigars, the proceeds of which would suffice to build three new bat tleships.

His excellency, the viceroy of the Two Kuang, at Kuelin a short time ago, at the execution of a famous rebel chief, stepped forward and caught some of the blood and drank it. Whether he wished to become im pregnated with the courage of the robber, or whether it was a feeling of revenge that prompted the act, car only be surmised.

With the more general use of auto mobiles in European countries the desirability of giving special instruction and training to chauffeurs and others concerned with the manipulation and construction of automobiles has been considered by the directors of technical schools. Already there are two special courses of instruction provided for automobiles, one at Aschaffenburg. Germany, and the other at Brussels. Belgium

The founder of the Red Cross movement, Henri Dunant, is still alive at the age of 76. He resides near Lake Constance, Switzerland, and is in poor His plan for aiding the wounded was for years scoffed at in Europe as the conception of a mere crank, and the credit of being the first ruler to consider it sympathetic ally and to adopt it in his army is due to Napoleon III. of France. Afterward. at the Geneva conference of 1864, the nations of the world accepted M. Dunant's proposals.

On a piece of birch bark, by the to them the wealth that was his. Mc in Decatur Thursday. Neill's death came while he was prospecting near the headwaters of the Freda Finn, of Spokane, Wash., daughters of the deceased sister of McNeill. are the ones to whom the dying man left his property. They were notified by long-distance telephone.

Charles F. Gilpatrick has no patience with those persons who complain that they can not eat because they have no teeth. Mr. Glipatrick has just had five teeth pried out of his jaws, so that food may be inserted. between them to keep his interior machinery going. Mr. Gilpatrick is an ossified man, and his jaws have be-Maine, where he is being cared for, Mr. Gilpatrick is spoken of as "the petrified man."

Despite all talk as to the existence of race prejudice in this country, the number of colored men of character and ability who are winning tributes of respect from their white fellow-citizens is steadily increasing. The Grand Army of the Republic of Massachusetts has recently elected as department commander a colored vet eran. The man thus honored by the comrades side by side with whom he fought in the civil war is J. H. Worf. of Boston, who, because of this recognition, will be conspicuous at the next G. A. R. encampment at Denver.

On March 5 last, Secretary James Wilson completed eight years' service as secretary of agriculture. He has been reappointed, for a third term, by President Roosevelt. Should the secretary keep his seat to the end of the present administration he will have 12 continuous years of service in one cabinet office to his credit This record has not been equaled since the early days of the republic. Albert Gallatin served from 1801 to 1814 as secretary of the treasury while William Wirt served from 1817 to 1829 as attorney-general.

China has ten railways in operation, with a total mileage of 2,235 miles. That is all the railway accommodation for the 400,000,000 people in the Celestial empire. Three of the roads, Harbin to Newchwang, 500 miles; Newchwang to Daluy and Port Arthur, 150 miles, and Newchwang to Shanhaikwan, 150 miles, are (or were) Russian, covering in all 1,300 miles of prolific Manchuria. Thus the Russians, before the war, had their grip an more than half of China's existing railroad mileage. The English own one little road 14 miles long.

THE LAST THROW.



The Czar Is Staking All on Rojestvensky's Fleet

Miss Grace Vest Says She Didn't Shoot Paul Druckemiller.

The Murdered Man, However, in His Ante-Mortem Statement, Charged Her With the Deed.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 7.-Despite Paul E. Druckemiller's ante-mortem statement that Miss Grace Vest shot him, the young woman declares the tragedy as much a mystery to her as to anyone.

Her story is that Druckemiller, who in his room at the time of the shooting. She says she heard a shot and, rushing to the room, found Druckemiller writhing on the door.

He was wounded in the side, and so far back that physicians say it would have been impossible for him to have fired the shot himself.

Police Sergeant Kelley, the first officer to reach the dying man's side, found a bottle of strychnine near him. Miss Vest explains that Druckemiller asked for the poison to end his suffering. The police express the opinion that Miss Vest tried to administer it | whole of Wednesday night. after falling to kill the young man with a revolver.

Druckemiller's account was that Miss Vest shot him because he refused to leave his wife and elope with her. Letters which passed between Drucke miller and the woman indicate that such a request was made

WHERE G. A. R. ORGANIZED.

Soldiers' Monument at Decatur, Ill., Where the G. A. R. Was Organized, Unveiled.

Decatur, Ill., April 7.-A monument erected in memory of the Macon counlight of a tiny oil taper. Robert Mc ty soldiers and heroes of the civil war, Neill, who laid down his life in the and also to commemorate the fact that quest for riches, scrawled a last mes- the Grand Army of the Republic was sage to his loved ones and bequeathed organized in this city, was unveiled

There was a parade, in which com pany H. Fifth regiment, the Fourth Stewart river, Washington. Viola and regiment band, the G. A. R. members, the Decatur cadets' band and others took part.

The monument was erected at a cost of \$10,000, mostly raised by a body of Decatur women organized for the pur-

MONKEYING WITH UNCLE SAM

Witnesses Before the Federal Gran Jury in Chicago May Have to Answer for Perjury.

Chicago, April 7.-Preparations are teing made, it is said, by the federal come locked shut by the nardening of grand jury investigating the so-called the joints upon which they swung. On beef trust, to indict certain withnesses, the poor farm in Hiram township, who have appeared before the inquisitorial body, on charges of perinry and for interference with other witnesses Evidence tending toward positive information that some of the prominent witnesses had committed perjury on the witness stand before the jury. Is said to have been produced, and word was sent to Springfield for Judge Humphrey to come to Chicago. Important developments are expected.

Tragedy at Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma, City, Okla., April 7 .- At boarding house here, Thursday night, M. L. Sheppard, recently of Holdenville I. T. shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. Domestic father of the three children, Samuel lifficulties is assigned as the cause of

Lost \$100 and Gained a Wife. Gutarie, Okla., April 7 .- Albert Stevens, a young farmer near Carnegie, addo county, in a joking way, offered nues, was destroyed by fire. The build \$100 for a wife recently. His offer was ing was occupied by a number of taken seriously, however, and last stores, markets, pharamacists and livnight he was married to Miss Katie ing rooms. The loss will reach about Bruton, daughter of a farmer near \$35,000. Mount View.

His Burdens Too Great.

Sedalia, Mo., April 7.-William E. Hunter killed himself here with strychnine. Illness in his family and business troubles were assigned as the ause in a letter addressed to his wife. and he died Tuesday night.

Warm Personal Friend of Lincoln Washignton, April 7.-George W. Goodall, a warm personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, is dead at his home n Washington. He was 83. Mr. Goodill was born in Washington, and spent all his life here.

Illinois House Reversed Itself. Springfield, Ill., April 7.-The house reversed its former decision in a conest case and unseated Representative George W. McCaskrin, independent Teorge Rock Island member, who has been

elected mayor of his town.

carloads have been forwarded, which SHE DENIES THE SHOOTING THE EARTHQUAKE IN INDIA.

Reports Show Widespread Damage and Loss of Life in the Earthquake Zone.

Calcutta, April 6.-Reports from many towns which are now arriving show widespread damage and many fatalities. This is especially the case at Tirozpur (47 miles southeast of Lahore), Amritsar, Tarana, Dehra Dun and Sprinagar, at which places many natives were killed or injured, the to tal being between 75 and 100.

Personal stories from Mussooree state that the reverberation which pre ceded the shock never will be forgotten by those who heard it. The mounwas chief clerk in the bureau of animal tains heaved and swayed a full minindustry, and roomed at Miss Vest's ute, and then three severe shocks, lasthouse, was alone, so far as she knows, ing a few seconds, were felt in quick succession. Between six o'clock in the morning of April 4 and midnight there were 12 shocks. The day was fine and clear, and most of the inhabitants were already up when the first shock came. Those who were still in bed described the motion as being like that of a ship in a storm, while those on foot found it impossible to maintain their balance. Many narrow escapes are reported. The effect of the shock in sickness and dizziness, with many still continues. A number of people sat or slept out of doors during the

VIOLATIONS OF FRANCHISE.

Allegations Made Against the Chicago Telephone Co. in an Effort to Annul Its Charter.

Chicago, April 6.-An effort to have he courts declare the charter of the Chicago Telephone Co. forfeited has been begun by State's Attorney Healy on quo warranto proceedings in the circuit court. Mr. Healy wished to file information in the case at once, but Judge Mack refused to allow this to be done until the telephone company had been duly notified. The matter therefore went over until Saturday mornings. The attempt to force a forfeit of the company's charter is based on Bateman, formerly of Minneapolis, but fair, wo allegations:

First, that the company has charged \$150 and \$175 a year for the use of telephones when its franchise fixes the maximum charge at \$125; second, that the company has charged toll rates on telphone calls between points lying within the city limits in direct violation of the provisions of its franchise

THE JAPANESE ADVANCING

It is Feared That Gen. Linevitel Will be Compelled to Withdraw His Army.

London, April 7 .- The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Times tel egraphs:

The latest official information leads to the belief that the Japanese are advancing in crescent formation. Oku or the left. Nodzu in the center and Kuroki and Kawamura on the right, and with a total strength of 475,000. It is feared that Linevitch will be compelled to withdraw."

VICTIMS OF ASPHYXIATION.

Father Finds His Three Children and an Aged Friend of Family Dend From Gas.

New York, April 7.-Four persons were killed by illuminating gas in a tenement house in the upper East Side. They were Mary Rogers, 75 years old; Helen Clark, 12; Kate Clark, 10, and Elizabeth Clark, 7.

Their bodies were found by th Clark. The gas had escaped from a defective gas stove.

A Blaze in St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 6.-The Arcade building, on Arcade and Vernon ave-

Died From Blood Poisoning. Monroe City, Mo., April 6 .- Monday evening Judge J. B. Cromer tripped and fell on the floor at his home and bruised his right shoulder badly Blood opisoning immediately set in

Found a Missing Son.

New York, April 6.-Leo Fleischman 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alois Fleischman, who vanished on September 6 last, and in the search for whom his parents have spent \$10,000, has been located in South Pasadena, Cal.

They Didn't Get Them.

Fulton, Ky., April 6 .- A mob twice attempted to force the jail here in an effort to lyach three negroes charged with shooting Officer Eaker. The negroes will be taken to Hickman for

Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis Refers to John D. Rockefeller's Son.

Words of the Young Man, Spoken at Brown University, Given an Unexpected Application.

New York, April 10.-In the course of his sermon at Plymouth church, made by John D. Rockefeller to the American board of foreign missions, and to Mr. Rockefeller's son. He said in part:

written in this generation were spoken before Brown university by a young man who is to inherit one of the greatest fortunes in this country. They were spoken in defense of the trusts. Listen to them: 'The American beauty grow up around it."

"The rose has one thousand buds, and in order to produce the American with a knife and snips 999, in order that all the strength and beauty may be forced into one blossom. In his economic argument this young man brutally tells the working classes that 999 small business men must be snuffed out of existence in order that his American beauty, the trust, may be produced. Listen to Christ; 'Let the strong bear the burdens of the weak." and again, 'give, and it shall be given unto you.

"These words in defense of the trusts are the most heartbreaking things in literature to those who know what is going to come in the future. Can you wonder that after that when a man gives gifts we have no gratitude to return.

WELL-KNOWN MEN INDICTED.

The Federal Grand Jury at Portland, Ore., Return More Indictments In the Land Cases.

Portland, Ore., April 10.-The federal grand jury has indicted 15 well-known men of Oregon and Washington. Among them are the following: State Senator R. A. Booth, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co.; his brother, Henry J. Booth, receiver of the Roseburg land office; Frank D. Alley, of Roseburg abstractor: A. R. and Edward R. Downs, Seattle timber men; Rev. Stephen W. Turnell, a Roseburg minister; Edward Singleton, brotherin-law to the Booths; Willard N. ward R. Downs, Seattle timber men; deus S. Potter, formerly clerk in the law office of F. P. Mays; H. L. Sissler, of Seattle: Daniel Clark, an ex-soldier of the rebellion: Clarence Zachary, Col. D. C. Barnard and Charles A. Watson, of Fossil, Wheeler county.

They are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of a portion of ts public lands.

NEVER FORGOT EARLY LOVE.

Will of a Minneapolis Millionaire Provides Handsomely For Daughter of Woman He Couldn't Get.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 10,-When Augustus King, a part of whose \$1,-000,000 fortune Detective Norman W. King, of this city, will fall heir to, this woman's daughter, Miss Henrietta now of Montelair. Col., a suburb of Denver. She will receive about \$150,- A JEALOUS ALABAMA GIRL, 000 as her share.

courted this girl's mother. He was refused, however, and she instead chose John Bateman.

During all the long years he lived alone he never forgot the love of his

TO DISCOURAGE ELOPEMENT.

Indiana Couples Who Marry In Another State Will Not Be Married When Return Home.

Laporte, Ind., April 10.-Under the new marriage law of this state, which will become operative in a few days, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Joseph, Mich., will cease to be favorite Meccas for Indiana eloping couples. The new law, which Gov. Hanley declares shall be rigidly enforced, provides that when marriage is contracted by Indiana couples in another state, it will be declared null and void upon the return of the couple. A bona fide residence in the state where the marriage is performed must be proved to establish its validity. It is believed the enforcement of this law will abate the elop ing evil and keep at home the hundreds of couples who yearly leave the state

to get married. Received With Satisfaction. Panama, April 10 .- The news that Secretary of War Taft proposes a decrease in railway rates is received tripped and fell, breaking his neck and with satisfaction here. The isthmus dying instantly. He was the son of a

will benefit greatly by the reduction. Drowned in Mudhole.

Perkins, Okla., April 10.-The five year-old son of John Balkley drowned in a mudhole in a corn-field where his father was at work. He was left at one end of the field and drowned while his father was plowing is negotiating for the sale of it to east-

Has 130 Living Descendants. Kilbourne, Ill., April 10,-Mrs. Lucinda Watkins, of Atterbury, the oldest resident of Menard county, celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday anniversary. Six generations were represented. Mrs-Watkins has 130 living descendants.

Gen. Clayton Will Vacate June 1. Mexico City, April 10.—Gen. Powell Clayton, who is to be succeeded as United States ambassador to Mexico by Edwin H. Conger, will vacate his office and leave for his old home in Arkansas on June 1. The American club will tender Gen. Clayton a farewell banquet on May 20.

Steamer Sinks at New Orleans. New Orleans, April 10.-The South cause is not known. No lives were lost, | with a revolver. He still lives.

Thirty Independent Oil Companies to Form a Company to Pipe and Refine Oil.

Chaunte, Kas., April 8.-Representa tives of 30 independent oil companies which control three-fourths of the oil production of Kansas, met here, Friday, and decided to form a company representing \$7,000,000 of invested capital, to build a fuel oil pipe line from Brooklyn, Sunday, Rev. Newell Dwight | the Kansas oil field to Kansas City, Hillis referred to the gift of \$100,000 and to construct a refinery and storage tank in that city.

The company to be formed will be

the only one which will compete with the Standard Oil Co. for the markets "The saddest words that have been of the middle west. The producers decided that a consolidation of all their interests is the only salvation of the independent operators in Kansas. Two months ago the producers appointed a committee to investigate the fuel oil market at Kansas City and the cost of rose can be produced in all its splendor a pipe line to that point. The reports only by sacrificing the early buds that of this committee influenced the producers to form a company and commence the construction of a pipe line and refinery at once. The Standard beauty the gardener goes around it Oit Co., it is said, had a force of men here watching the proceedings of the independent producers. The Standard forces announced that the presence of these people was merely a coincidence. There were present at the meeting representatives of companies operating in the Indian territory, but only Kansas salaries of city officials, including companies will be represented in the company to be organized.

of the independent operators into a members of assembly. Necessary to company will insure a market for the carry, 64,916. Kansas producers independent of the Standard Oil Co.

RURAL DELIVERY SERVICE.

There Were Thirty Thousand Routes In Operation April 1 and Applications for Thousands More.

Washington, April 10 .- On April 1 the post office department had in operation in the United States 29,996 rural free delivery routes. In addition there were pending 4.521 petitions for the establishment of routes. In the central west and southwestern states the routes are as follows:

Routes, Pending Arkansas Illinois Indiana Indian Territory 1,367 500 1,544 Of the 4,521 cases pending, 1,016 have

been assigned for either April 15 or May 1, leaving 3,505 unacted upon April 1 and more than 30,000 routes in operation after April 15.

COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS.

They Art Generally Favorable Except in the South, Where Cotton Planting is Backward.

New York, April 8.-Bradstreet's

weekly review says: Trade, grain crop and industrial reports are in the main very favorable, exceptions being quoted in the south, where cotton planting is backward and a reduced acreage is expected, and at a few points in the west, where inclement weather and bad roads tend to check the otherwise full tide of spring activity. Western merchants who, made out his will, he did not forget earlier in the season, bought conservathe woman whom, years ago, he loved tively, are now reordering freely. and whose hand he asked in marriage. Money continues easy at most points. In his will he has made provision for Collections show improving tendencies, though many cities report them only

Many years ago Augustus King Miss Oma Harding Killed Hill A Ballard and Then Turned Weapon On Herself.

> Huntsville, Ala., April 8 .- Hill A. Ballard, a nephew of Gov. Cox of Tennessee, was shot and killed by Miss Oma Harding, who then turned the pistol to her own breast and fired a shot that caused her immediate death. While on his death-bed Ballard stated that he and Miss Harding were engaged to be married in May, and that the only reason for the deed was the young woman's jealousy of her room-

mate. SIGHTED MANY WARSHIPS.

Japanese Policing the Straits Available for Rojestvensky to Enter the China Sen.

London, April 8.-A dispatch from Singapore to the Daily Express says that the captain of a coasting steamer reports having sighted 27 warships 76 miles southwest of Penang.

A Batavia, Java., dispatch to the same paper says that Chinese junks report that Japanese warships are policing all the straits available to Ro jestvensky in an attempt to reach the China sea.

Fell and Broke His Neck. Atlanta, Ill., April 8.-While running to a fire, Glen Crihfield, aged 13, dying instantly. He was the son of a widely known editor.

Will Sell Lincoln Cedar Tree. Evansville, Ind., April 8.-The Lincoln cedar tree, on the old Lincoln farm at Lincoln City, Ind., planted by Abraham Lincoln when a young man is dying, and the owner, A. J. Rhoades, ern parties. It is to be sold intact.

Operators and Miners Agree. Terre Haute, Ind., April 8 .- The Indiana operators' and miners' executive boards, in joint meeting, agreed on disputed points, by which it is believed there will be less friction during the ensuing scale year.

Death of an Aged Minister. Bunker Hill, Ill., April 8.—Rev. Luke Dilliard, aged 82, died at his home near Dorchester. Decease dleaves a widow, 15 grandchildren and 6 greatgrandchildren. He was a Baptist preacher, having been ordained in

He Still Lives.

Olney, Ill., April 8 .- Nathan Whit-Pacific steamer Louisiana arrived from ney, for the fourth time, attempted Havana and sank at her wharf. The suicide by shooting through the neck

SCORCHED FROM THE PULPIT TO COMPETE WITH STANDARD ST. LOUIS CITY ELECTION MANY THOUSANDS KILLED

The Count Completed and the Re sult Given to the Public.

ocrats Secure the Mayor and Divide the Remainder of Ticket

St. Louis, April 6.-Rolla Wells has been re-elected mayor of St. Louis to serve four more years. He defeated Judge John A. Talty, the republican candidate, by 1,425 plurality.

With the Republicans.

The democrats elected the mayor, omptrolier, auditor, treasurer, collector and president of the board of assessors. The republicans elected the president

of the board of public improvements, the register, marshal, inspector of weights and measures and the president of the council. Wells received 44,307 votes to Talty's 42,942. The democratic candidate's

other successful candidates ranged from 300 to 500 votes, and no one but Wells went over 900 plurality. The proposition to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city by \$9,000.

plurality was 1,425. The pluralities of

000 was defeated, the vote being: For, 33,684; against, 33,870; necessary to carry, 64,916. The charter amendments to increase

members of the assembly, were defeat ed. The vote was 31,171 yes; 36,656 It is believed that the organization no for officers; 32,184 yes, 36,652 no for The defeated republican candidate

> for mayor says he will contest the election on account, in particular, of frauds in the fourth ward, where the vote for Wells was larger than the entire legal vote of the ward.

CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY.

Result of Tuesday's Election & Shown by the Full and Final Unofficial Returns.

Chicago, April 6.-The full returns show that Judge Dunne was elected mayor at Tuesday's election by 24,061 plurality. The other officers elected were: City treasurer, F. W. Blocki, democrat; city clerk, Adrian C. Anson democrat; city attorney, John F Smulski, republican. The latter wor on his popular personality. His plurality was less than 5,000.

On the entire county ticket, which included judges of the circuit and superior courts, coroner and clerks of courts, republican pluralities ranged from 70,000 to 100,000.

The socialist vote was heavier than had been anticipated, running near 20,

The present city council has a republican majority of two. Indications are the republicans will control the next council, so that Judge Dunne wil have opposition in controlling legisla tion. Judge Dunne was formerly a Bryan democrat,

Chicago has declared in favor of the \$5,000,000 bond issue for a new courthouse. The votes cast for the propo sition were 131,276 and those against 96,341, leaving a plurality of 34,935.

THE ELECTION IN KANSAS.

Some Unlooked-For Reversals o Usual Results-Women Carried Kansas City, Kas.

Kansas City, Kas., April 6.-Elec-

ried Kansas City, Kas., and Leavenworth, this being a revolution and en tirely unlooked for in each case. Topeka elected the republican ticket. Wm. W. Rose, democrat, was elected mayor of Kansas City, Kas., by probably 1,500 plurality, defeating the present republican mayor. Thomas B. Gil bert; M. A. Waterman, independent and W. J. Kelchner, socialist. The election aroused more interest than any previous election in Kansas City. Kas and it was notable because of the activity of women voters. Of a tota registration of 18,000 voters, 5,000 were women, and the election of Rose i due to the women.

Leavenworth elected Peter Everhardy, democrat, mayor by 200 majori ty over D. R. Anthony, republican. Finley Ross, republican, was elected mayor of Wichita by a large majority,

and the entire republican ticket. Democrats Sweep Springfield. Springfield, Ill., April 6 .- The demo crats made a clean sweep at the city election yesterday. Devereux was reelected mayor, and the new council will stand nine democrats and five re

publicans. Elected for Sixth Term. Quincy, Ill., April 6 .- John A. Steintsach, democrat, was elected mayor for the sixth term by a plurality of 800 The entire democratic city ticket was elected.

An Independent Elected. Rock Island, Ill., April 6 .- G. W McCasker, independent, was elected mayor over the democratic and repub-

lican candidates.

Damaged by Ice Floes. St. Johns, N. F., April 6.-The steamer Evangeline arrived from London with her bow stove in by ice floes and her piston rod broken. She encountered heavy weather, and sight ed more than fifty icebergs drifting south across the liner track.

Yarquis Still On the Warpath. El Paso, Tex., April 6.-John St. Clair, a well-known prospector, whose statements are considerable reliable has returned from the Yaoul country

Indians are still on the warpath. Acquitted of Murder Charge Sloux City, Ia., April 6.-George Coffy, who fatally stabbed his cousin, Joe St. Pierre, in a house of ill fame, a few weeks ago, was, Wednesday evening, acquitted of murder. Self defense was

near Ures. Sonora, and reports that the

the successful plea.

Topeka, Kas., April 6 .- The deat mute arrested here while on his way to the statehouse to kill Gov. Hoch, was adjudged insane here and sent to the insane asylum. He calls himself than any other man. "J. Everest Worthington, M. A.".

Appalling Results of the Resent Earthquake in India.

In Two Towns Alone the Death List Reaches the Enormous Total of 14,500.

Simla, India, April 11.-Late reports show the dead in the ruins of two Indian towns demolished by earthquakes to reach the enormous total of 14,500. It is probable that even this figure will be swelled when more information is obtained.

Splendid stone palaces of the Europeans, built to withstand wind storms, have been demolished, and the falling of their walls caused the greatest loss of life. The earth is still quaking, and natives are fleeing to lower lands.

The earthquake disaster at Dharmsala is dwarfed by reports of horrors from the orchard-clad Kangra valley. This is the remote mountain home of tea planters.

The digging out of the dead is a most difficult task, as the few remaining natives were so terror-stricken that they absolutely refused to work, and have fled into the valley.

More than 10,000 persons lost their lives in the town of Palanpur. There is not a house left standing in the town. Of the population of 17,547 in the city, less than 100 are reported to have escaped unharmed.

EXCEPTIONAL HONOR.

Ambassador Choate Elected "Master of the Bench of the Middle Temple," in London.

London, April 11 .- Ambassador Choate was, Monday night, elected "Master of the Bench of the Middle Temple." Among English lawyers this is the most distinguished honor that they could confer on any outsider, and it is the first time in several generations that other than an English subject has been elected a bencher of the Middle Temple, one of the oldest inns of court

in London. The action calls Mr. Choate to the English bar, and selects him member of the governing body of the Middle Temple. Five signers of the declaration of independence were members of the Middle Temple. Since then not a single American has been a member.

ARE CITED TO SHOW CAUSE.

Pension Commissioner Warner 18 Weeding Out Some Bad Timber in His Bureau.

Washington, April 11.-Commissioner of Pensions Warner has cited ten members of the board of pension review to show cause why their services should not be dispensed with. This action was taken by the commissioner because of the discovery of serious delinquencies in the allowance of pensions to members of a Pennsylvania regiment organized in 1861, but never participating in the service. Applications from members of Mercer's brigade, New Jersey national guard, in which the same circumstances control, also have been allowed. Commissiontions were held in the larger cities of Kansas Tuesday. The democrats car that such practices should be stopped in his term of office.

A LONG PENDING LAWSUIT.

Decision Which Gives Miss Clementine Dalcou, of Philadelphia, 1,-200,000 Acres of Florida Land.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 11.-Judge ocke, of the United States district court, has confirmed the report of the special commissioner appointed to investigate the validity of the grant of 1,200,000 acres of land in West Florida, along the Apalachicola river, made by the Spanish crown to John Forbes. The case has been in the courts since 1830. The only direct living heir to the property is Miss Clementine Dalcou, of Philadelphia. Judge Locke's decision awards the land to her. District Attorney Stripling has filed notice of appeal, and the case will go to the supreme court of the United States.

KILLED HIS OWN SON.

An Aged Man Was Forced to Do It in Order to Save the Lives of His Grandchildren.

Placerville, Cal., April 11.-At Indian Diggings, Eldorado county, Austin Morgan Starkey, aged 74 years, to save the lives of his two grandchildren and himself, shot and killed his son, Joseph Starkey, aged 35 years. The son had been drinking to excess, and attempted to exterminate his brother John's family with an ax, and had aiready chopped a ten-year-old child to death.

St. Louis, April 11.-Frederick Sevmour Barrington, convicted of the murder of James P. McCann, has obtained a new lease of life, and the argument on his appeal in the supreme court, which was to have been made to-day, will be postponed until the October term of that tribunal. J. P. Morgan On a Cruise.

New Lease For Barrington.

Messina, April 11.-The American steam yacht Corsair, with her owner, J. P. Morgan, on board, left Taormina for Naples Monday, but because of bad weather stopped here.

Dr. Harper Returns to Chicago. New York, April 11.-Dr. William Harper has left New York for Chicago. The improvement in Dr. Harper's health is so marked that it was felt unnecessary for him to stay here any

onger. He Was Well Known.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 11.-Richard Sparks, aged 73, former sheriff and prominent citizen, died here. He was probably known personally to more people in this and adjoining counties